121. There were 102 touring talkies in the State at the end of the year.

122. A sum of Rs. 4,93,032 was collected as show tax from the cinema houses during the year.

(iv) Criminal Justice

123. The number of criminal appeals instituted during the year was 92 (95). Eleven (18) appeals were preferred by the Government against the orders of acquittal.

Disposals.

124. There were for disposal 198 appeals involving 330 persons, including 106 appeals involving 178 persons from the previous year. Of these, 139 (54) appeals involving 224 (128) persons were disposed of. In 79 appeals involving 116 persons the convictions and sentences were confirmed, in 20 cases involving 35 persons the sentences were reduced or altered, in 36 cases involving 66 persons the sentences were reversed and in three cases involving four persons new trials or further enquiry were ordered.

Average duration.

125. The average duration of the 139 appeals disposed of was 331·6 (308·01) days.

Reference under section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

126. Including the one case involving one person pending from the previous year, there were in all two references involving two persons. In one case involving one person the accused was acquitted and set at liberty, and in the other case the conviction was confirmed but the sentence of death was commuted to one of transportation for life.

Miscellaneous Appeal.

127. No Miscellaneous Appeal was pending at the end of the previous year and no such appeal was received during the year.

Revision.

128. The number of copies of judgments and orders of the lower courts received in the High Court during the year was 1,052 (1,016).

129. The number of cases referred to the High Court by the Sessions Judges and District Magistrates or taken by the High Court *suo motu* in revision was 29 involving 39 persons (including eight cases involving 13 persons pending from the previous year). Twenty-three cases involving 32 persons were disposed of, leaving six cases involving seven persons pending at the end of the year.

PROTECTION

Revision Petitions.

130. Four hundred and forty-eight revision petitions involving 759 persons were disposed of, leaving 119 petitions involving 220 persons pending at the end of the year.

Case under the Contempt of Courts Act.

131. There were 13 cases involving 16 persons for disposal. Of these, six cases involving eight persons were disposed of during the year.

Courts subordinate to the High Court.

132. Excluding Revenue Officers, who were Ex-Officio Magistrates, the number of Judges and Magistrates exercising original jurisdiction at the end of the year (excluding Bellary District) was 60 (61).

133. As a first step towards the implementation of the scheme of separation of the Judiciary from the Executive, the Civilian Officers presiding over Magistrates' Courts were replaced by officers of the Judicial Department.

134. The receipts of the criminal courts other than the High Court amounted to Rs. 6,32,183 (Rs. 5,59,690) and the expenditure was Rs. 4,65,193 (Rs. 4,65,740).

135. The total number of offences reported during the year was 87,158 (88,089).

Persons brought to trial.

136. Including the persons awaiting trial at the close of the previous year, the number of persons brought to trial in the Magistrates' Courts was 1,26,036 (excluding 418 persons for trial before the Courts of Sessions) during the year against 1,26,992 in the previous year. Of the persons brought to trial, the cases in respect of 1,12,787 (1,10,553) were disposed of. The total number of persons convicted was 81,804 and of persons acquitted or discharged was 27,055. The proportion of persons convicted to those acquitted or discharged was 75·1 to 24·9 (74·3 : 25·7).

Offences punishable under Special and Local Laws.

137. The number of persons brought to trial under this head was 75,784 (82,638) or 60·1 (65·0) per cent. The cases against 73,864 were disposed of, of whom 68,846 or 91·8 per cent were convicted.

Stipendiary Magistrates' Courts.

138. The Stipendiary Magistrates other than the District Magistrates had to deal with 91,486 cases involving 1, 26,033 persons. The number of cases disposed of was 86,458 involving 1,12,784 persons.

Average duration.

139. In the courts of District Magistrates the average duration of cases disposed of was 26·3 (27·6) days. In the courts of other Stipendiary Magistrates it was 33·7 (35·9) days.

140. The total number of witnesses examined in the Courts of the Magistrates and of the Sessions Judges was 57,676 (62,062). Examination of witnesses.

141. The number of juvenile offenders brought before the Courts of the Magistrates and of the Sessions Judges was 1,754 (1,396). The number convicted was 1,643 (1,283). Juvenile Offenders.

142. The number of Sessions Cases pending at the beginning of the year was 33 involving 55 persons. One hundred and seventy-one cases involving 363 persons were received during the year. One hundred and fifty-eight cases involving 321 persons were disposed of, leaving 46 cases involving 97 persons at the end of the year. Sessions work.

143. The average duration of Sessions Cases disposed of was 75·6 (70·3) days. Average duration.

144. The Appellate Courts subordinate to the High Court had to deal with 1,060 appeals preferred by 1,783 persons. Of these, 836 appeals relating to 1,334 persons were disposed of, leaving 224 appeals preferred by 449 persons. Appeals

145. Out of 242 (287) appeals for disposal in the Magistrates Courts, 212 (322) were disposed of, leaving 30 (137) at the end of the year.

146. In the Courts of the Sessions Judges there were for disposal 818 (588) appeals. Of these, 624 (404) were disposed of, leaving 194 (184) at the end of the year.

147. The average duration of appeals disposed of by the Sessions Judges was 106·4 (70·5) days. The average duration of appeals disposed of in the Magistrates' Courts was 203·3 (119·4) days.

148. The number of revision cases disposed of by the Sessions Judges and District Magistrates was 111 (58) and 85 (130) respectively. The average duration of revision cases disposed of by the Sessions Judges was 93·9 (83·8) days. Revision.

149. One person was sentenced to death. Forty-two persons were sentenced to transporation for life. Of the 6,339 persons sentenced to undergo imprisonment, 5,780 were sentenced to imprisonment for six months and under and the remaining 559 for longer periods. Punishments.

PROTECTION

150. The number of persons fined was 73,620 (73,474). The amount of fine imposed and realised was Rs. 7,11,256 and Rs. 5,52,322 respectively.

Courts in Bellary District.

151. The number of Criminal Courts in the District was 11 during the year.

Sessions Cases.

152. Seventeen Sessions Cases involving 33 persons were disposed of during the year.

Criminal Appeals.

153. Out of 50 criminal appeals involving 61 persons for disposal, 41 appeals involving 51 persons were disposed of during the year, leaving nine appeals involving ten persons pending at the end of the year.

Revision

154. Only one revision petition was filed during the year and it was disposed of.

Courts of other Magistrates.

155. There were in all 17,019 cases for disposal before the Magistrates. Of these, 16,148 cases were disposed of leaving 871 cases pending at the end of the year.

Appeals.

156. Out of the 132 appeals for disposal, 112 were disposed of, leaving 20 appeals pending at the end of the year.

(v) Civil Justice

157. The Jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

158. The number of First Appeals instituted during the year was 210 (including 2 refiled) as against 356 in the previous year.

159. Including 1,134 appeals pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 1,344 as against 1,180 appeals in the previous year. The number of appeals disposed of was 620 of the aggregate value of Rs. 16,70,418 as against 46 of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,27,823 in the previous year.

Average duration.

160. The average duration of 620 appeals disposed of during the year was 800·3 (864·19) days.

161. The number of Second Appeals filed during the year was 560 including 1 refiled (614).